



CROMER
Urban District Council.

REPORT

OF THE
Medical Officer of Health
FOR
The Year ending, Dec. 31st, 1923.

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CROMER,

May 5th, 1924.

GENTLEMEN,

The Annual Report for 1923 will be an Ordinary Report as defined in the Circular 269 of 28th Dec., 1921.

The season of 1923 was a fairly good one and compared favorably with that of 1922.

The Sunshine for the year was 1631·6 hours as compared with 1639·5 hours in 1922, the rainfall was 446·5 m.m. or 17·56 inches, as compared with 433·1 m.m., or 17·02 inches in 1922.

On October 1st there were 1043 inhabited houses as compared with 1017 in 1922, leaving only 9 empty, the total inhabitable houses being 1052, the number of families or separate occupiers being 1056 as compared with 1022 in 1922.

You have had under consideration the necessary assistance to be given to those wishing to build houses and have taken steps under the powers conferred by the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 to 1923, to render financial assistance by making advances on mortgage.

Miss Osler, the Nurse-Matron at the Isolation Hospital resigned and we were fortunately able to re-appoint Miss E. H. Lapham in June, who had previously held the post.

I am glad to be able to report that at last the Isolation Hospital is on the telephone service, by arrangement with the Erpingham Rural District Council.

Though fortunately no cases were admitted to the Isolation Hospital during the year, the three cases of Scarlet Fever which occurred, were isolated, two in the Fletcher Convalescent Home and one in a private residence, where there was sufficient accommodation and no other case arose.

In consequence of the recent epidemic of Small-pox the necessary steps were taken to render Chicken-pox a notifiable disease, but no case was notified.

There have been no noteworthy conditions prejudicial to the health of the area during the year, nor any noteworthy occurrence affecting the Public Health.

I.—General Statistics.

Area (acres) 1148.

Population (1923) 4094.

Number of inhabited houses (1921 estimated)
987.

Number of families or separate occupiers (1921 estimated) 857.

Rateable Value £31,958.

Sum represented by a penny rate £125.

2.—Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

BIRTHS.

	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	
Legitimate ...	77	38	39	} Birth Rate 18.8.
Illegitimate ...	0	0	0	

DEATHS.

	<i>Total.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>	
	34	16	18	Death Rate 8.3.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth; from sepsis nil, or from other causes nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1000 Births, Death Rate 38.96.

Legitimate 3, Illegitimate 0, Total 3.

Deaths from Measles (all ages) nil.

„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages) nil.

„ „ Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age) nil.

3.—Notifiable Diseases During the Year.

Disease	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever ...	3	0	0
Enteric Fever ...	1	0	0
Erysipelas ...	1	0	0

Age Groups—Scarlet Fever, 5-10 one, 15-20 one; 20-35 one; Enteric Fever 5-10 one; Erysipelas 10-15 one.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age-Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Over 10 ...	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
„ 15 ...	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
„ 20 ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
„ 25 ...	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
„ 45 & under 55	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	5	2	1	1	1	1	0	0

Both deaths notified.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum—No cases notified,

THE POPULATION

as given by the Registrar General is 4094 as compared with 4040 in 1922.

THE BIRTH-RATE

is 18.8 as compared with 13.61 per 1000 population in 1922, the Birth-rate for England and Wales being 19.7 per 1000 population.

THE DEATH-RATE

is 8.3 as compared with 9.15 per 1000 population in 1922, the Death-rate for England and Wales being 11.6 per 1000 population.

The Infantile Mortality was 38.96 per 1000 Births as compared with 72.72 in 1922. The Infantile Mortality for England and Wales being 69 per 1000 births.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

2 Deaths, 0.48 per 1000 population, 58.8 per 1000 deaths.

CANCER.

8 Deaths, 1.95 per 1000 population, 235.29 per 1000 deaths.

SCARLET FEVER.

3 cases notified gave case-rate per 1000 population of 0.73 as compared with 2.23 for England and Wales.

ENTERIC FEVER.

1 case notified gives the case-rate of 0.24 per 1000 population as compared with 0.08 for England and Wales.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

		Males.	Females.
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	1	1
Cancer	- - -	2	6
Diabetes	- - -	1	1
Heart Disease	- - -		4
Arterio-sclerosis	- - -	1	2
Pneumonia	- - -		1
Other respiratory Diseases	- - -	1	
Appendicitis	- - -	1	
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	- - -	3	
Congenital Debility and Malformation,			
Premature Birth	- - -		1
Other Deaths from Violence	- - -	1	1
Other Defined Diseases	- - -	5	1
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4.—Causes of Sickness.

There has been no cause of sickness and invalidity specially noteworthy in the district during the year.

5.—Summary (for reference) of Nursing Arrangements, Hospitals, and other Institutions available for the District.

Professional Nursing in the Home:—(a) General.

A district nurse attends cases in their homes and is also qualified to act as a Midwife, supplied by the Norfolk Nursing Federation and supported by a local private Nursing Association.

She also acts as Midwife and Health Visitor under the Norfolk County Council.

HOSPITAL PROVIDED BY LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Cromer Urban District Isolation Hospital (6 beds) at Roughton.

VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS.

Cromer Cottage Hospital, 18 beds supported by voluntary contributions.

The Fletcher Convalescent Home 24 beds, for patients of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Motor ambulance provided by the Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance Brigade for non-infectious and accident cases.

6.—Laboratory Work.

Arrangements have been made with the Norfolk County Laboratory, Bank Court, the Walk, Norwich, for pathological and bacteriological examinations free of cost to Local Authority and I have received 15 reports as to the presence of Diphtheria Bacillus, 4 Examinations of Sputum and one examination of Blood-Widal Reaction, during the year.

10,000 units of diphtheria antitoxin have been issued at the cost of the Local Authority.

7.—Sanitary Administration.

List of adoptive Acts relating to the Public Health, in force in the district, with date of adoption:—

ACT.	DATE OF ADOPTION.
The Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1899	25th March, 1890
The Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890	1st May, 1891.
The Public Health Acts, (Amendment) Act, 1890 (Part III.) ...	1st May, 1891.
The Public Health Acts, (Amendment) Acts, 1907 (Parts II., III., IV., V. and X.) ...	19th Nov., 1908.
Part VI. ...	8th July, 1914.

Tabular summary of the work of the Sanitary Department during the year, and action taken under the Public Health Acts or Byelaws, &c., mentioned above.

House to house Inspections	12
Special Inspections and investigations of complaints	45
Inspections of nuisances discovered	44
Re-inspections to ascertain progress of sanitary and informal orders	207
Visits in connection with infectious diseases	41
Visits to Isolation Hospital	5
Inspections under Factory and Workshops Act	12
Re-inspections „ „ „ „ „	1
Inspections of Dairies, Milkshops and Cowsheds	9
Premises inspected under Housing Acts	23
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Premises Disinfected	5
Rooms „	9
Premises to which smoke test was applied	4
Committee Meetings attended	14
Preliminary Notices served	2
Legal Notices served	5
Legal proceedings taken	1
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Defects found by house-to-house Inspections...	0
„ „ „ other Inspections ...	44
„ „ „ Workshop Inspections ...	2
„ „ „ Housing Act Inspections ...	18
„ „ „ Dairy and Cowshed Inspections	1
„ „ „ Tenement Inspections ...	2
Complaints received at Office ...	45
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No Slaughter-Houses in District.

The Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops were inspected.

No action needed with a view to smoke abatement.

8.—Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer of Health (part time).

1. Sanitary Inspector (who is also Surveyor) whole time.

Moiety of Salaries paid by Exchequer Grant through Norfolk County Council.

Nurse-Matron at Isolation Hospital.

9.—Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year:

(a) Total ...	19
(b) With State assistance under Housing Acts, 1919 or 1923 ...	0
(1). By the Local Authority ...	0
(2). By other bodies or persons ...	0

Unfit dwelling-houses—1. Inspection.

(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	34
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 ...	23
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human inhabitation ...	0
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	14

2. Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 13

3. Action of Statutory Powers.

A. Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. All without formal notices

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit. „ „

(a) by owners. „ „

(b) by Local Authority in default of owners. „ „

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close, all without formal notices.

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 1

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied.

(a) by owners ... 1

(b) by Local Authority in default of owners 0

C. Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders. ... 0

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... 0

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-house having been rendered fit ... 0

(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... 0

(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0
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In conclusion, I have to thank Mr. Croome for his kind assistance.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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Cromer Weather Report.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.

The mean of 29·892 inches was somewhat less than that of last year.

The highest and lowest monthly means were January 30.105 inches and February 29.596 respectively.

The highest reading was 30.587 inches on January 25th, the lowest 28.796 inches on February 26th, giving a range of 1·79 inches as against 1·83 inches in 1922.

SHADE TEMPERATURE.

The mean Shade Temperature of 49·1 degrees was 0·9 degrees more than that of last year.

July was the warmest month with 63·8 degrees being 6.1 degrees more than that of August in 1922.

The highest temperature recorded during the year was 89·2 degrees on July 7th, being 2·2 degrees more than the hottest day of last year. December was the coldest month with a mean temperature of 38·5 degrees and the lowest reading, 27·6 degrees, was registered on November 26th.

SUNSHINE.

The total amount of bright unclouded sunshine recorded was 1631·6 hours, being slightly less than in 1922.

August gave the best record with a total of 234·9 hours, July being second, 227·7.

RAINFALL.

Rainfall registered on 217 days the total of 17·56 inches being somewhat below the normal.

P. COLYER,

Observer.

CROMER WEATHER REPORT FOR 1923.

1923.	Barometer Mean.	Dry Bulb Mean.	Wet Bulb Mean.	RAINFALL.				SHADE TEMPERATURE.			Sunshine.
				Maximum Day's Rain.	Date of Maximum	Total Fall.	Rainy Days.	Maximum	Minimum	Mean.	
January ...	Inches. 30.105	Degrees. 40.2	Degrees. 39.3	Inches. 0.22	5	Inches. 0.79	No. 18	Degrees. 46.3	Degrees. 45.8	Degrees. 46.0	Total. 73.4
February ...	29.596	40.3	39.6	0.54	18	2.50	23	45.8	36.2	41.0	53.5
March ...	30.057	42.8	42.0	0.63	7	1.55	28	49.5	38.0	43.8	132.4
April ...	29.788	45.4	43.2	0.21	10	0.87	13	52.5	39.3	45.9	163.9
May ...	29.899	49.7	47.0	0.25	9	1.00	17	56.1	42.7	49.4	151.5
June ...	30.093	55.1	51.2	0.15	12	0.43	11	60.6	46.4	53.5	173.6
July ...	29.979	65.9	60.9	1.14	15	2.12	15	71.6	56.0	63.8	227.7
August ...	29.905	61.9	59.4	0.47	14	1.43	15	68.9	52.4	60.7	234.9
September ...	29.941	56.1	53.1	0.26	20	0.93	15	63.7	47.6	55.6	183.9
October ...	29.665	50.1	48.4	0.53	12	1.69	21	56.1	44.7	50.4	80.2
November ...	29.737	39.7	38.0	0.54	8	2.21	20	46.1	36.1	41.1	101.3
December ...	29.935	36.8	36.1	0.37	27	2.04	21	42.1	34.9	38.5	55.3
Totals ...	...	...	...	...	..	17.56	217	...	...	...	1631.6
Means ...	29.892	48.7	46.5	...	...	1.46	18.1	54.9	43.3	49.1	...
Year 1922 ... Totals ...	...	..	...	...	...	17.02	213	...	...	...	1639.5
Means ...	29.923	48.7	46.2	...	...	1.42	17.7	54.2	42.1	48.2	...